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- (1) Schickedanz, U.S. Patent No. 4,218,119, issued August 19, 1980;
- (2) Nakano et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,043,816, issued August 27, 1991;
- (3) Ishida et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,220,375, issued June 15, 1993;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 08-320511 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published December 3, 1996; and
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 11-088810 (HITACHI LTD, HITACHI VIDEO IND INF SYST INC), published March 30, 1999.


Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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